

# 1CD Town Hall Meeting 16 May 07

- Live from Baghdad – COL Jack Ballantyne, 1CD Chief of Staff
- Questions from the floor answered by COL Phelps
- Family Hero Video
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- Hoo-Ah Video
- Questions from the floor
- CAV Country
- New Topics
  - 31 May 07 PRCA Rodeo Military Appreciation Night
  - 3 Jun 07 Copperas Cove Soldier Appreciation Day
  - Big Voice Test – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
  - Health Works by Team Darnall
  - Vietnam Wall display at Central Texas Veteran's Cemetery 18-20 May 07
- Upcoming Events
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- All videos, questions/answers and new topic slides from Town Hall meetings are posted on CAV website [www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/](http://www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/)

## Questions from Open Forum w/COL Ballantyne

(Answers are a part of the live feed which can be viewed at the CAV website)

- Are we winning and does the Division leadership see any end to the War on Terror in Iraq?
- I keep hearing about fire resistant ACUs and new body armor. Are our Soldiers being issued this new clothing/equipment?
- It seems my Soldier is communicating with me less and less. My friend is having the same problem. Is there a communication issue we need to be aware of?
- What is the time frame for response to a Red Cross message – i.e. Soldier needs to be evacuated or sent home to respond to a family emergency?
- Are 1CD Soldiers assisting in the search for the 2-10 MTN Soldiers that are missing?
- My Soldier came in to theater as a replacement. Is he authorized EML?
- We've heard a lot about banned websites like YouTube and MySpace. What sites will be banned and does this include computers normally housed in their rooms?
- What are the Soldiers at the outposts getting to eat? What kind of food is available for them?
- What is the impact on mail for those Soldiers stationed at joint security stations?

## Questions from Open Forum w/COL Phelps

- Did or has FOB Warhorse receive more troops?
  - There are troops rotating in and out of the FOBs all the time. The number of troops on a specific FOB depends on the current mission.
- What level of injury/harm does my Soldier have to have for me to get notified?
  - If the injury/incidents generates a casualty report downrange, we do a notification
  - If you are not being notified, please let us know ASAP
- The Army Times published a list of deployment dates. What's up with that? I thought we were getting notified after May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. What's up with that?
  - Remember, until you hear it from us, it's RUMOR

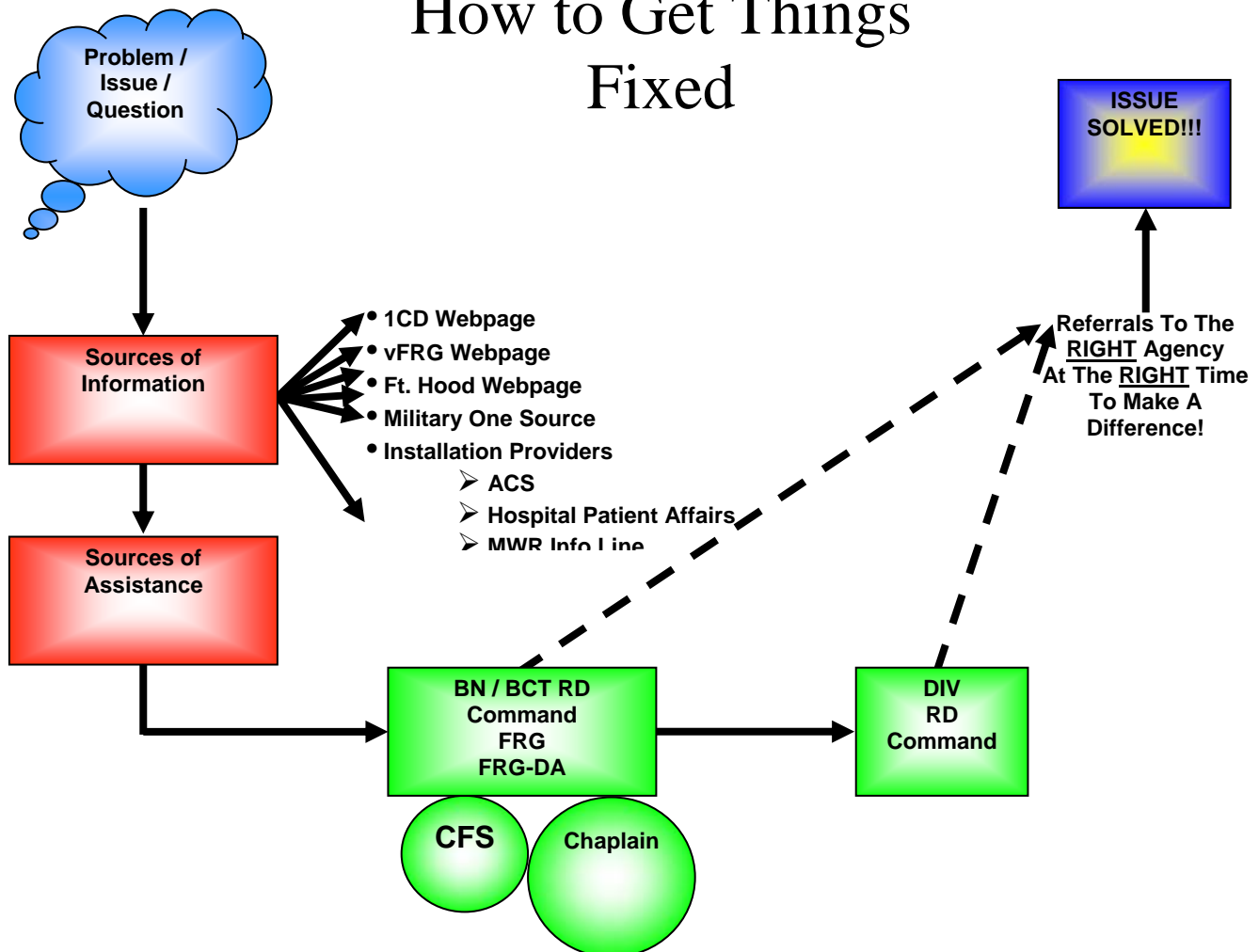
- How does a Soldier get to use R&R centers like Freedom Rest and Qatar?
  - There are a certain number of allocations for each unit.
  - Soldier must first let their Chain of Command know they are interested in this
  - Will of course depend on the mission at the time as to when the Soldier will be allowed to go
  - Used as a morale booster/time away
  - 3-4 day trips to an area the Soldier can relax and get away from the battlefield for just a while, allowing them to recharge and get back in the fight
- We have orders for my Soldier to report to school in Jan 08. With the extension, we are thinking that may be delayed. Can you give us some guidance?
  - All scheduled schools will require some additional work/scheduling
  - Schools that are scheduled w/in 90 days of the unit's return, can still be worked
- Can we open the bar at the back of the room?
  - No
  - Maybe at our last Town Hall!
- If a Soldier has a Deployment Savings Account, would it still accrue interest during an extension? Is any kind of paperwork required for this to continue?
  - Yes, it will continue to accrue interest during the extension
  - No, no more paperwork is required
- What's up with the banned websites?
  - The websites that have been banned by DOD have huge files associated with them and take up bandwidth
  - This interferes with the mission and creates operational problems
  - List of banned websites are as follows:
    - video sites YouTube, Metacafe, iFilm, StupidVideos and FileCabi,
    - social networking sites MySpace, BlackPlanet and Hi5,
    - music sites Pandora, MTV, 1.fm and live365,
    - photo-sharing site Photobucket.
  - Our understanding is that these sites are not banned if the Soldier has purchased internet service from a private contractor for his/her personal computer
- Since the surge, we've received more casualties. Can you comment on this?
  - Every casualty we take is serious, we know.
  - One is too many, but statistically, casualties have not gone up for 1CD units
  - There are many more troops operating in our area, and more patrolling
- RUMOR – The extra \$1000 a month is cancelled. All the Soldier is going to get is one extra day of administrative leave for each month over 12 they are deployed.
  - NOT TRUE
  - \$1000 AIP still in effect
  - Additionally, for those Soldiers who have had back to back rotations over the past 24-36 months, there is a special nonchargeable leave accrual based on the number of days they have been deployed
  - This is an extra incentive, not a substitute for the AIP
  - We owe you details of the admin leave plan
  - Once we get them, we will post those details
- Can CAV plan an event like the fall fest for the children during the summer while they are out of school?
  - Yes – what do you want us to do? Submit your ideas to your FRSA.
  - Nana Puddin' – a puppet show with target audience being elementary school kids – is in the works
  - Currently working the next Teen FRG outing
  - Also looking at doing something for the "Tweens" those a little too old for the kiddie stuff, but not quite old enough for the teen events (10-12 yr olds)
  - Again, send ideas of what you would like to do through your FRSA
- Comment – Thank you to COL Phelps and all of the rear detachment from the spouses and family members that are left back here. You guys are awesome! Thanks for all you do!
- We are still hearing rumors that the 15:12 might not affect all BCTs. Can you comment on this?
  - We simply don't have all the details yet
  - Standby!

- When we get them, we'll let you know

## Closing Remarks

- Recognized Soldiers from downrange home on EML that joined us
- What happens everyday, Monday thru Friday, at 1700?
  - New Rules of Engagement (which was the standard for many years)
  - Pull over and render the proper honor during “Retreat”
  - It is tradition and it is the right thing to do
- You are our most valuable asset – Be safe and take care of yourselves
- Use the facilities on this post
  - They are here for you
  - Utilize what you have
- Recognized new attendees who had not attended a Town Hall before
- Keep informed, Keep in touch....Keep the faith!
- How to get things fixed

## How to Get Things Fixed



## Useful Websites

- 1st Cavalry Division Homepage  
[www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/](http://www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/)
- Virtual Family Readiness Group  
[www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org)
- Fort Hood Homepage  
[www.hood.army.mil/fthood/](http://www.hood.army.mil/fthood/)
- Military One Source  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)
- Army Community Service  
[www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com)
- Morale, Welfare, and Recreation  
[www.hoodmwr.com](http://www.hoodmwr.com)
- CAV Country  
[www.cavcountry.net](http://www.cavcountry.net)

## 1CD UPCOMING EVENTS

1CD MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
1CD PURPLE HEART/VOM  
KISD/CCISD LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
PRAYER BREAKFAST  
TOWN HALL  
1CD MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
1CD PURPLE HEART/VOM

17 MAY 1330 (MEMORIAL CHAPEL)  
22 MAY 1000 (FHCCC)  
24 MAY  
06 JUN 0700 (IRON HORSE II DFAC)  
20 JUN 1830 (FHCCC)  
21 JUN 1330 (MEMORIAL CHAPEL)  
26 JUN 1000 (FHCCC)

- Visit the MWR website, [www.hoodmwr.com](http://www.hoodmwr.com) for all the upcoming events, additionally Mrs Livengood has flyers of all MWR sponsored events taking place in the upcoming months

# ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY (AIP)

1. **Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP) is authorized to all Active Duty Soldiers involuntarily extended beyond 12-months BOG. You must be deployed for more than 365 days to receive this incentive.**
- **Soldiers are paid at a rate of \$1000.00 per month for each month extended in addition to the other special pays and allowances authorized in the combat zone HFP (\$225), HDP-L (\$100), FSA (\$250, if applicable). CZTE remains in effect. The amount of CZTE is capped for O-1 and above at \$6867.60 per month, the rate of basic pay of the SMA plus HFP.**
- **AIP starts on the 366th day of deployment and is paid for the month that day occurs. AIP is not prorated. Soldiers will be paid \$1000.00 regardless of the number of days deployed during the month.**

## **Examples:**

- a) **Soldier deploys 14 Sep 06 (BOG) for 12 months and is now extended for 3 months until 14 Dec 07. Soldiers 366th day begins (14 Sep 07), AIP is payable for Sep – Dec 07.**
- b) **Soldier deploys 30 Oct 06 (BOG) for 12 months and is now extended for 3 months until 31 Jan 08. Soldiers 366th day begins (30 Oct 07), AIP is payable for Oct - Jan 08.**
- c) **Unit deploys 12 Oct 06 (BOG) for 12 months. Soldier deploys after his unit on 15 Nov 06. The unit is now extended for 3 months until 12 Jan 08. The late deploying Soldier's 366th day begins (15 Nov 07), AIP is payable for Nov-Jan 08.**
- d) **Unit deploys 22 Nov 06 (BOG) for 12 months. Soldier deploys after her unit on 3 Mar 07. The unit is now extended for 3 months until 22 Feb 08. The late deploying Soldier's 366th day begins 3 Mar 08. The late deploying Soldier does not qualify for AIP until completion of 12 months or 365 days deployed.**

**For more details about AIP, please contact the 15th Finance Battalion  
DSN 318-847-2158/CFS**

# **SOLDIER'S APPRECIATION DAY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2007**

**12:00 NOON TO 5:00 PM**

**(DOMINO'S PIZZA PARKING LOT ON 190 IN COPPERAS COVE)  
PIZZA, DRINKS, GIFTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA**

**DOMINO'S PIZZA SUPPORTS OUR SOLDIERS**

**PLEASE JOIN DOMINO'S PIZZA AND THE  
COPPERAS COVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO  
SAY "THANK YOU" FOR ALL YOU DO!**



# Killeen Rodeo



**Military Appreciation Night at the Rodeo**  
**Active Duty Military and Families are Free**  
**31 May 2007**

*6 p.m. at the Killeen Rodeo Arena.*

*1<sup>st</sup> 2500 to arrive will receive free food*

## ***Health Works*** **By Team Darnall**

### **Prescription drop-off service**

The Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Department of Pharmacy is pleased to announce its prescription drop-off service at the CRDAMC Hospital Pharmacy. If you are interested in being able to drop-off your civilian, hand-written prescription for next-day pick-up, please ask about the service at the Main Pharmacy or call 288-8801 during regular duty hours.

### **Self-Care Class**

The self-care class teaches you to care for minor illnesses and injuries at home. You will receive a card for limited numbers of over-the-counter medications from CRDAMC pharmacies without a prescription. To enroll in the next class, call 288-8888.

*Upcoming Class: May 18 at 2 p.m.*



### **BIG VOICE TO BE TESTED AT NOON**

Testing of the Fort Hood Mass Notification System will now occur the third Wednesday of every month at noon beginning today. This monthly post wide test will begin with a loud siren-like sound followed by a test message.

The test message will broadcast:

*“Attention, this is a test of the Fort Hood emergency warning system. This is only a test. If this had been an actual emergency, additional instructions would be broadcast. This is only a test.”*

## **H.S. GRADUATION TIMELINE**

### **KISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE**

|                            |                         |              |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Belton High School         | Thursday, May 24th 2007 | 8:00 PM CST  |
| Coppers Cove High School   | Friday, May 25th 2007   | 7:30 PM CST  |
| Harker Heights High School | Saturday, May 26th 2007 | 3:00 PM CST  |
| Shoemaker High School      | Saturday, May 26th 2007 | 8:00 PM CST  |
| Killeen High School        | Sunday, May 27th 2007   | 2:00 PM CST  |
| Ellison High School        | Sunday, May 27th 2007   | 6:00 PM CST  |
| Temple High School         | Saturday, June 2nd 2007 | 10:00 AM CST |

Information provided by KISD





The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall™, a 3/4-scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is coming to our community. Dedicated to those who served in Vietnam and honoring all veterans of the U.S. military forces, a visit to "The Wall" is a powerful experience. It teaches us the cost of freedom and inspires our respect for those who defend it. Plan to attend this meaningful family event sponsored by your local Dignity Memorial provider.

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